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TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. HAMPDEN, SS.

To H. A. NORTHROP, *Constable of the Town of Palmer*, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Palmer, on Monday, the 20th day of March inst., at ten o'clock a. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of selectmen, overseers of the poor, assessors, school committee, and constables the town will elect for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To act upon the reports of the school committee, selectmen and other town officers.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to determine the compensation of the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To determine the manner the town will take to collect taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year, and state terms and conditions of the same.

ART. 7. To elect all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and to appropriate the same.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, the same to be payable from said taxes.

ART. 10. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see if the town will continue to hire the rooms now occupied for a lock-up and tramp room.

ART. 12. To vote by ballot, which shall be, yes or no, according to the provisions of chapter 54 of acts of 1881, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town for the ensuing year?"

ART. 13. To see if the town will by its vote or otherwise ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to choosing a Board of Health.

ART. 15. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

ART. 16. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

ART. 17. To choose committees and give them instructions.

ART. 18. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the benefit of the Young Men's Library Association.

Art. 19. To see if the town will raise any money for the celebration of Decoration Day, or towards building a soldiers' monument, and appropriate the same.

Art. 20. To see if the town will accept of the provisions of chapter 158, acts of 1871, being entitled: An act to provide for the selection of road commissioners.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to accept a town way as laid out by the selectmen in Bondsville, beginning near the pond on the old county road and running northerly to the Boston Duck Company canal, thence northeasterly to the center of the Swift river.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the town way in Three Rivers, leading from the old county road to the point where the said town way is intersected by the new road leading to Gilbert Barker's house.

Art. 23. To see if the town will build a new school-house at Three Rivers, or otherwise increase the school accommodations in that village, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to lay a drain to connect with one already laid in front of the house owned by N. K. Rogers, to connect with one now laid near the store of Daniel F. Holden, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to accept a town way as laid out by the selectmen in Thorndike village, beginning on the county road near the house of William Harvey, and running to the house of Henry McGilp.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to accept a town way as laid out by the selectmen in the Depot village, on the easterly side of Central street, at corner of land of James Henighan, and running south 31° east by land of said Henighan and land of estate of A. Burleigh to Maple street.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to accept a town way as laid out by the selectmen in the village of Three Rivers, commencing at a point on the highway near the house owned by Thomas Sullivan, and running thence in a southwesterly course to intersect a town way near the former residence of Hall J. Kelly.

Art. 28. To see if the town will take any action in regard to removing obstructions from the road leading from Three Rivers to the house of Oscar B. Sikes.

Art. 29. To see if the town will build additional drains and sewers at Palmer Depot Village, and appropriate necessary money for building the same.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to accept a town way as laid out by the selectmen in the village of Bondsville, commencing on the Ware road near the house of Luther Collis, and running south of land formerly owned by Cheesboro Lewis.

Names of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors, School Committee and Constables who are voted for, must all be on one ballot; Town Clerk and Treasurer on a separate ballot; and you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by the vote of the town seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer Journal, at least two issues before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands this fourth day of March, A. D. 1882.

E. G. MURDOCK,
H. G. LOOMIS,
H. McMASTER, } *Selectmen of Palmer.*

A true copy. Attest:

H. A. NORTHROP, *Constable.*

Assessors' Report.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For school-teachers, and care of school-houses,	$9,500.00
Contingencies for schools,	700.00
Repairs on school-houses,	500.00
Salary of school committee,	300.00
Addition, Depot school-house,	2,500.00
Support of Poor,	3,500.00
Highways,	3,500.00
Contingencies,	2,500.00
Railings,	200.00
Bridges,	500.00
Library Association,	500.00
Interest,	115.00
Sewers at Depot Village,	2,000.00
Soldiers' Monument,	100.00
Road and bridge at Bondsville,	4,000.00
State tax,	1,560.00
County tax,	1,860.16
Overlays on taxes,	392.05
Non-resident bank tax,	723.80
Total on collector's book,	$34,951.01

VALUATION OF PALMER, 1881.

Real estate,	$1,479,930
Personal estate,	777,587
Total,	$2,257,517
Total number polls,	1,311
Tax on each poll,	$2.00
Rate per cent.,	$14.00 per $1,000

PALMER, March 1, 1882.

JOHN CLOUGH,
DAVID KNOX,
D. B. BISHOP,
Assessors of Palmer.

Treasurer's Report

Of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending March 4, 1882.

Balance in Treasury March 4, 1881, ...	$64.90
Received of State Treasurer for Corporation tax, . .	545.89
National Bank tax, .	422.03
Income Mass. School fund,	261.46
State and Military aid,	872.00
Support State paupers,	34.50
Burial, " "	15.00
Transportation State paupers,	4.20
County Treasurer, dog fund, ...	205.33
County Treasurer, lock-up fees, ...	57.00
George Robinson, lock-up fees, ...	45.00
Income Thompson fund, ...	38.42
Income Merrick fund, ...	34.34
A. D. Smith, for board, Mrs. Burlingame, .	43.96
Boston & Albany Railroad, damage to Cem. fence,	50.00
Town of Brimfield, repairs on King and Powers' bridges, ...	125.94
Town of Brimfield, pauper account, . .	21.37
Belchertown, bridge account, . .	2.37
Monson, bridge account, . . .	126.34
Mary Mason, for bill of Wm. Mason, . .	4.00
Rent of Town Hall, from E. G. Murdock, . .	35.00
Rent of Town Hall, from H. McMaster, . .	9.70
Circus licenses, ...	35.00
Auctioneer's license, ...	2.00
Peddler's license, ...	1.00
Traveling show license, ...	2.00
Old plank sold, ...	8.00
Palmer Savings Bank, borrowed, ...	5,000.00
Liquor licenses, ...	2,425.00
H. A. Northrop, tax 1880, ...	997.46
H. A. Northrop, tax 1881, ...	31,383.41
	$42,872.62

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	$1,560.00
Bank tax,	680.70
County tax,	1,860.16
State Treasurer, ¼ amount received for liquor licenses,	606.25
State aid,	612.00
Military aid,	405.00
Interest on notes,	115.00
Deposited in Savings Bank, on account of soldiers' monument,	100.00
Palmer Savings Bank, borrowed,	5,000.00
Interest on borrowed,	49.44
Selectmen's orders,	13,338.70
School committee's orders,	14,368.72
	$38,695.97

Total receipts,	$42,872.62
Total expenditures,	38,695.97
Balance in Treasury,	$4,176.65

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. SHAW, *Treasurer.*

Report of Selectmen.

In submitting this Report to the voters of Palmer, we would say that the Highways are in much better condition than they were a year ago, and we would recommend the same system to be continued another year. We have hardened about six miles of road the past season, and if the plan of graveling the same amount each year be continued, we soon shall have good roads. We have purchased a scraper that has worked to our satisfaction, and we think the money well spent.

BRIDGES.

We have had more to do repairing bridges than was thought necessary last March. We have had to new plank four bridges entire, and patch up others that will have to be replanked this season. The iron bridges at Three Rivers and Thorndike are settling at one end and must be attended to by competent men that understand them. We think the one at Thorndike should be raised two or three feet.

CONTINGENCIES.

Our contingency record is large. We have had to pay land damages, new roads, straightening roads, lands for cemetery, &c., for which no appropriation was made.

We employed a competent surveyor to survey and estimate expense of sewer at Palmer village. His estimate on it was $5,865. The amount appropriated for that purpose being only $2,000, we did not think best to commence it.

HIGHWAYS IN 1881.

Samuel Brown, in District No. 1,	$135.87
Henry McMaster, in District No. 2,	408.05
C. D. Foster, in District No. 3,	376.35
Charles Upham, in District No. 4,	421.25
M. C. Fenton, in District No. 5,	119.00
Eugene Shorely, in District No. 6,	100.00
H. C. Smith, in District No. 7,	77.75
James Olney, in District No. 8,	80.00
Calvin Blodgett, in District No. 9,	119.90
James O. Hamilton, in District No. 10,	149.25
Eli Smith, in District No. 10 (1879),	112.16
Jerry Dutton, in District No. 11,	353.61
Frank Orcutt, in District No. 12,	94.18
E. M. Bartlett, in District No. 13,	139.00
Daniel Graves, labor in District No. 12,	2.25
George Sanford, hardening road,	18.00
E. L. Greenleaf, hardening road,	46.37
Henry McMaster, hardening road,	132.25
C. D. Foster, hardening road,	64.25
J. K. Knox, gravel and labor,	35.00
J. R. Wellman, labor,	2.00
John Twiss, labor,	8.00
H. S. Ward, labor,	5.00
Brine O'Rourke, labor,	6.00
O. N. Powell, scraper, No. 4,	6.50
Kimball Brothers, scraper,	200.00
C. A. Brown, plow, No. 6,	10.00
Charles Hastings, covering stone,	3.00
Henry McMaster, labor,	63.41
Henry McMaster, new road.	9.37
Henry McMaster, railing, and filling at Duck,	15.68
Henry McMaster, culvert at Bonds,	8.50
James Fuller, cutting brush,	2.25
Charles Upham, breaking roads,	5.50
F. D. Orcutt, " "	11.42
David Knox, " "	1.00
Frank Angell, " "	3.00
Henry McMaster, " "	14.75
George Adams, " "	5.00
H. G. Loomis, " "	3.00
H. C. Smith, " "	13.00
E. M. Bartlett, " "	16.50
Jerry Dutton, " "	15.00
D. E. & L. M. Tenny, "	2.00
	$3,414.37

RAILINGS.

Calvin Blodgett, ...	$14.62
H. McMaster, at A. H. Thayer's, ...	5.40
Erastus Keith, near covered bridge, ...	7.70
Calvin Blodgett, near Stephen Place's, ...	33.75
M. C. Fenton, near his house, ...	84.00
Charles Upham, near Fay's bridge, ...	66.25
	211.72

NEW ROAD AND BRIDGES AT BONDSVILLE.

Appropriation, $4,000.

C. D. Foster, building road, ...		$950.00
Griffin & Thompson, building abutment, ...		550.60
Due Canton Bridge Co., canal bridge, . .	852.00	
" " " " Half River Bridge,	1,144.00	
		$1,996.00
		$3,496.60

LIBRARY.

Samuel W. French, ...	$500.00

BRIDGES.

Samuel Brown, repairing bridge near Josiah Gates' house,	$15.50
J. R. Wellman, repairing bridge near J. H. Keith's, .	1.50
F. F. Marcy, labor on King and Powers' bridges, .	44.21
J. M. Converse, lumber " " " . .	148.22
C. A. Brown, nails, " " " . .	3.25
M. C. Fenton, labor and nails on King and Powers' bridges,	12.00
The Palmer Mills, ½ cost of repairing canal abutment, .	400.00
Robinson & Brooks, nails for Hastings' bridge, . .	3.65
Henry McMaster, labor and materials for bridges, .	17.44
J. M. Converse, lumber for Whipple bridge, . .	64.00
Calvin Blodgett, building stone bridge, near C. R. Shaw's,	14.00
Merrick Stebbins, lumber for Sexton's bridge, . .	179.56
Henry McMaster, labor on So. Belchertown bridge, .	3.00
G. L. Watkins, plank for bridge near his house, . .	1.08
F. F. Marcy, labor and spikes on Sexton's bridge, .	73.13
Henry McMaster, labor and money paid out on washout, Three Rivers, ...	178.05

The Palmer Mills, for stone for same, ...		$65.00
J. H. Keith, repairing bridge near his house, . .		1.50
T. D. Potter & Co., repairing Bondsville bridge, . .		1.50
Jas. O. Hamilton, repairing Whiting bridge, . .		3.00
Town of Monson, repairing bridges, ...		2.50
		$1,232.09
Received—Cash from Brimfield, for repairs on bridges, ...	$125.94	
Received—Cash from Belchertown, for repairs on bridges, ...	2.37	
Received—Cash from Monson, for repairs on bridges, ...	126.34—	$254.65
		$977.44

CONTINGENCIES.

Charles B. Fisk, printing town reports, warrants and advertising, ...	$ 79.00
J. A. Palmer, enforcing license law, 1880, . . .	100.00
J. A. Palmer, summoning witnesses at court, express on samples of liquor, 1878, ...	8.35
John Gaffany, land damage, Dublin street, . . .	175.00
John Murphy, land damage, Dublin street, . . .	20.00
Michael Finerty, land damage, Dublin street, . .	20.00
Mrs. Michael Mack, land damage, Dublin street, .	50.00
Mrs. Winnie Wilder, land damage, Dublin street, .	20.00
Samuel Doyle, land damage, Dublin street, . . .	25.00
Estate of Patrick Hill, land damage, Dublin street, .	20.00
John M. Converse, land damage, Dublin street, . .	500.00
R. L. Bond, wood for town house, 1880, . . .	3.25
H. P. Simonds, repairing buggy, ...	1.50
J. D. Sawyer, cleaning town house, 1880, . . .	5.00
C. M. Slocum, engaged on sewer, ...	11.90
Charles B. Fisk, printing and advertising, . . .	32.64
D. B. Bishop, Assessor, ...	112.50
John Clough, Assessor, ...	112.50
John Clough, books, stationery and postage, . .	8.25
David Knox, Assessor, ...	112.50
Frank Barker, building new road to his house, . .	300.00

Robert McMaster, digging grave and returning death, .	$1.75
R. Robins, cutting brush in cemetery at Four Corners and about town house, ...	13.00
Charles L. Gardner, cash paid E. C. Davis and Son for surveying, ...	16.00
Springfield Republican, for advertising roads and bridges,	4.50
Stephen Place, supporting water tub for horses, . .	5.00
George White, examining iron bridges, Thorndike and Three Rivers, ...	10.00
S. S. Taft, services and expenses, 1880, . . .	73.25
Charles L. Gardner, making school-house deed, and administering oaths, 1879, ...	5.00
Charles B. Fisk, printing assessors', school committee's and collector's notices, and one warrant, . .	22.76
Joseph Kerrigan, repairing road at Bondsville, as ordered by the county commissioners, ...	100.00
W. H. Brainard, surveying land for cemetery at Four Corners, ...	2.00
J. D. Sawyer, land for cemetery at Four Corners, .	137.50
O. B. and Otis Sikes, land for cemetery at Four Corners,	75.00
A. L. Haynes, opening graves and returning deaths, .	40.80
J. J. Moynahan, returning deaths, ...	18.25
E. G. Murdock, services as Selectman, . . .	125.00
J. B. Shaw, services as Treasurer, ...	50.00
J. B. Shaw, recording births, marriages and deaths, .	113.35
David Knox, repairing cemetery fence, Depot Village, .	5.71
David Knox, driving hearse, opening graves and returning deaths, ...	237.50
William E. Hancock, supporting watering tub, 1880, .	5.00
William E. Hancock, supporting watering tub, 1881, .	5.00
J. K. Knox, supporting watering tub, ...	5.00
H. G. Loomis, paid for repairing C. Johnson's wagon,	1.50
John Clough, sealing weights and measures, . .	8.00
Palmer Savings Bank, rent of lock-up, and heating, .	180.00
J. B. Shaw, cash paid out, and expenses, . . .	5.00
C. A. Brown, repairs on lamp, and nails (railroad bridge),	2.40
H G. Loomis, services as Selectman, . . .	100.00
Henry McMaster, services as Selectman, . . .	100.00
Henry McMaster, on building committee, . . .	8.00
E. G. Murdock, on building committee, 1880 and 1881,	10.00

E. G. Murdock, stationery, stamps, oil, brooms, chimneys, paid for watchers, roads and bridges, . .	$12.85
H. A. Northrop, collecting taxes, 1880, . . .	200.00
H. G. Loomis, stamps and stationery, . . .	5.00
H. A. Northrop, posting warrants, ...	10.00
H. G. Loomis, on building committee, . . .	10.00
Charles B. Fisk, printing notices, ...	2.50
Charles L. Gardner, legal services, ...	30.00
	$3,474.01
Cr. Estate of Patrick Hill, outstanding order,	20.00
	$3,454.01

Paid land damages, Dublin and River street, in 1880, .	$810.00
New Road at Three Rivers, in 1880, ...	300.00
Burying Grounds, Four Corners, ...	212.50
Straightening road at Bondsville, in 1880, . . .	100.00
	$1,422.50
Eli Smith, ...	112.16
	$1,534.66

Paid out of Contingency fund.

SUMMARY.

State tax, ...	$1,560.00
State bank tax, ...	680.70
County tax, ...	1,860.16
Interest on notes, ...	115.00
State aid, ...	612.00
Military aid, ...	405.00
Support of Poor, ...	3,041.92
Highways, ...	3,414.37
Bridges, ...	1,232.09
Railings, ...	211.72
Library, ...	500.00
Contingencies, ...	3,454.01
Building new road at Bondsville, ...	950.00
Building abutments at Bondsville, ...	550.60
	$18,587.57

DEBTS OF THE TOWN.

Notes due on demand, Pamelia Rogers,	$1,300.00	
Reuben Rogers,	1,000.00	
Interest on above, ...	115.00	—$2,415.00

CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN, MARCH 4, 1882.

Notes and interest, ...	$2,415.00
Due H. A. Northrop, collector, ...	200.00
J. A. Palmer, ...	100.00
Dr. Wm. E. Holbrook, ...	30.00
	$2,745.00

DUE THE TOWN, MARCH 4, 1882.

Balance in treasury, ...	$4,176.65
H. A. Northrop, uncollected taxes, ...	2,000.00
State, for State aid, ...	1,017.00
State, on account State paupers, ...	367.75
Town of Chicopee, aid to Connor family, ...	132.62
	$7,684.02

Respectfully submitted.

E. G. MURDOCK,
H. G. LOOMIS,
H. McMASTER,
Selectmen of Palmer.

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations:

Support of Poor, ...	$3,500.00
Contingencies, ...	2,500.00
Highways, ...	3,500.00
Bridges, ...	1,500.00
Railings, ...	200.00
Interest, ...	115.00

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

POOR FARM.

We have finished off four rooms in our almshouse, and made other improvements, and yet the expenses have been less than they have been most years. We have found Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf very efficient. Everything is neat and comfortable, and they are kind to the inmates. We think now, that the expenses for the coming year will be much less than for the last year. Our largest item for support of poor is for those in insane asylums.

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

Samuel Shaw, use of sleigh, 1881,	$5.00
Calvin Hitchcock, wheel chair,	8.00
A. P. Capon, boarding Charity Barker, from Feb. 1 to May 1,	6.50
Josiah Gates, wheelbarrow, 1879,	5.00
Geo. W. Coleman, plastering,	14.87
Ethan Warriner, carpentering,	30.87
Robinson & Brooks, nails and brush,	8.16
F. F. Marcy, lumber,	32.83
Geo. Robinson, bolts, screws and knobs,	1.57
A. H. Proctor, one month's salary and money for hired girl,	27.33
Ezra Greenleaf, money paid out,	9.17
C. H. Murdock, goods, poor farm,	2.84
Loomis Brothers, bedstead,	3.50
J. D. Sawyer, soap,	6.50
Henry P. Holden, goods,	85.69
H. C. Hatch, fish,	2.15
H. C. N. Cross, privy,	8.00
Murdock Brothers, wall paper,	2.40
John Barber, making sled and harrow, 1880,	12.70

Geo. King, balance on painting and produce, . .	$3.31
J. D. Sawyer, two bbls soap, ...	8.00
Robinson & Brooks, potato bug exterminator, . .	6.50
D. N. Squier, blacksmithing, 1880, ...	36.75
G. A. Murdock, goods, ...	140.28
Ezra Greenleaf, salary, 11 months, ...	275.00
Loomis Brothers, sick chair, ...	2.50
D. B. Bishop, coal, ...	12.19
Foskit & Holbrook, grain, meal, feed, &c, . . .	138.00
A. M. Bond, stove, ram and work, ...	38.70
Clark & Hastings, meat, ...	13.80
J. D. Sawyer, soap and pumpkins, ...	4.50
D. N. Squier, blacksmithing, ...	6.00
J. B. Shaw, goods, ...	75.87
" " " to Ellen Owen, ...	1.51
O. P. Allen, goods to poor farm, ...	4.85
J. H. Haynes, ...	1.60
H. G. Loomis, Overseer of Poor, ...	50.00
Henry McMaster, " " "	50.00
E. G. Murdock, " " "	85.00
E. G. Murdock, sleigh, ...	35.00
	$1,262.44

Invoice, Poor Farm, 1881, ...	$1,502.86
" " " 1882, ...	1,499.15
	$3.71

Whole number of paupers, ...	21
Average " "	14

Cr. Ezra L. Greenleaf, cash paid out, ...	$179.55
Dr. Cash received for produce, &c., ...	204.12

Number of tramps at lock-up from March 1, 1880, to March 1, 1882, ...	220

SUPPORT OF POOR NOT ON POOR FARM.

John Sullivan, rent for Mrs. Donovan, . .	$10.00	
Willis Morse, boarding Clarissa Moore, . .	45.50	
Chapin Warner, support of Eleanor Thompson, .	29 40	
Joseph Thompson, support Ball children, . .	38.00	
James W. Calkins, rent for Mrs. Merrifield, .	30.00	
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Fred. Ashworth, .	10.00	
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Henry Wallace, . .	10.00	
Town of Belchertown, support Geo. Burpee's family,	25.00	
Murdock Brothers, goods furnished Pat Sullivan for Mike Dillon, ...	60.00	
Murdock Brothers, goods, Pat Fenton, . .	24.00	
J. F. Holbrook, coal, Mrs. Colgrove, . . .	2.00	
Mrs. Julia McGrath, support of Hurley boy, .	52.00	
H. G. Loomis, team to Poor Farm, . . .	1.50	
Dr. G. E. Fuller, attendance on Thomas Callahan, 1880, ...	15.50	
Loomis Brothers, coffins and robes for Ed. Ryan and Thomas Owen, ...	27.00	
J. J. Moynahan, coffin for Thomas Haley, and opening grave, ...	12.00	
		$391.90
A. L. Haynes, coal for Catherine Connor, . .	$ 7.00	
Holden Brothers, goods for Catherine Connor .	18.50	
D. F. Holden, goods for Catherine Connor, . .	2.50	
J. J. Moynahan, coffin for Mary Connor, . .	10.00	
D. F. Holden, goods, Catherine Connor, . .	6.04	
Henry McMaster, car fare and expense of Catherine Connor, ...	5.35	
Heath & Shaw, goods, Mrs. Connor, . . .	32.17	
W. E. Holbrook, medical attendance, Mrs. Connor,	9.00	
Holden Brothers, goods, Mrs. Connor, . .	2.10	
Heath & Shaw, goods, Mrs. Connor, . .	10.50	
H. McMaster, moving goods, Mrs. Connor, . .	1.50	
D. F. Holden, moving goods, Mrs. Connor, .	5.35	
W. E. Holbrook, medical attendance, Mrs. Connor,	8.00	
Thrudeau & River, goods, Mrs. Connor, . .	3.00	
Heath & Shaw, goods, Mrs. Connor, . . .	11.61	
		$132.62

City of Springfield, support Maurace Hannafin,	$ 2.96	
City of New Bedford, support, Mrs. T. McCarty,	1.00	
Town of Agawam, aid to Walter Hill, . .	5.00	
Town of West Springfield, aid to Walter Hill, .	7.77	
Henry McMaster, wood for Mrs. Merrifield, .	7.00	
Murdock Brothers, goods to Ellen Herrick, . .	10.40	
James B. Shaw, for James Hannafin, . .	36.00	
Henry P. Holden, goods to John M. Barton, .	6.00	
Foskit & Holbrook, wood to J. M. Barton, . .	2.00	
Henry McMaster, stationery, stamps, and money paid out for paupers, ...	13.33	
Henry McMaster, wood to Mrs. Merrifield, .	2.50	
Dr. J. K. Warren, truss for Mrs. Farey, and medical attendance, Ellen Owen, . . .	24.50	
Mrs. Daley, care of Ellen Owen, . . .	5.00	
Town of Monson, aid to J. M. Barton, . .	13.51	
		$661.49
Due from town of Chicopee, for aid to Catherine Connor,		132.62

Paid Northampton Hospital, for support of the following persons:

James Sullivan, ...	$182.96
Abbey Lines, ...	157.84
Harriet Gerald, ...	181.61
Mary Curran, ...	171.98
Mary Grady, ...	154.15
	$848.54

Paid State Primary School, for support of

Mary C. Blanchard, ...	$19.00
Edward Y. Young, ...	24.00
Jerry Crowley, ...	27.00
	$70.00

Paid State Reform School,

Dennis Harrigan, ...	$17.00

STATE PAUPERS.

G. A. Murdock, goods furnished Agnes Phillips, .	$8.00
Dr. H. A. Smith, attendance on Mrs. Loury, . .	8.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Moses Nephue, . . .	10.00
G. L. Hitchcock, medicine for Rosa La Mountain, .	16.70
J. J. Moynahan, coffin for " " " . .	10.00
Dr. W. E. Holbrook, medical attendance, Rosa La Mountain,	3.00
Mary La Mountain, care of Rosa La Mountain, . .	15.50
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Allen boy (drowned), .	10.00
D. F. Holden, goods delivered to Mrs. Andrew Young,	3.90
Heath & Shaw, " " " " "	8.50
Dr. W. E. Holbrook, medical attendance, Mrs. Andrew Young, ...	4.00
E. M. Turner, meals and lodging tramps while repairing lock-up, ...	3.75
Seth M. Smith, care of tramp room and provisions, .	68.35
H. McMaster, expenses taking Mary Shannon to Tewksbury,	12.75
	$182.45

E. G. MURDOCK,
HENRY G. LOOMIS,
HENRY McMASTER,
} *Overseers of Poor of Palmer.*

Report of the Committee on Schools.

The schools, with but one or two exceptions, and those for only a part of the year, have been above the average of years heretofore. The Primary departments at Three Rivers became so crowded the past term, that we were obliged to employ an assistant for the school in the Baptist vestry.

In most of the schools we have retained through the year the same teachers who taught last year, believing, as we do, that every year's experience in teaching adds to the value of the teacher—the teacher becoming better acquainted with the scholars and with the parents, and having more time to perfect his or her method and system of teaching. We are confident that school is in every desirable excellence, the best, which has continued the longest under the jurisdiction of the same energetic and progressive teacher.

It became necessary to change the teacher for our High School the second time, after the resignation of Mr. Whiting, but your Committee feel very confident that the present incumbent will prove all that could be desired—the present condition of the school showing a marked degree of advancement. The other schools at the Depot Village have made their usual good record, and the schools at Thorndike at the present time are quite satisfactory, while those at Bond's Village and Three Rivers are in a very prosperous condition, and the out districts are as good as years heretofore. The attendance in most cases has been fair, but there are some things and some persons that require "line upon line and precept upon precept;" and the matter of irregular attendance at school is one of them. Every parent and guardian must know that nothing can be more discouraging to the teacher, or more injurious to the school and the intellectual, and, we may say oftentimes, moral welfare of the scholar than to allow this irregularity of attendance at school. Among some of our factory population there seems to be an idea, both with the pupil and parent, that the great end to be attained is to see how little time can be spent at school, and how much at play and inside

the factory; but no parent who regards the prosperity of the school, and the intellectual welfare of his children, will allow them to be absent unless sickness or other unavoidable circumstances intervene. In some of our villages, our truant officers have done good and efficient work, and have ever been ready to respond when called upon.

The present crowded condition of the schools at Bond's Village requires the immediate action of the town to provide more rooms; while the school accommodations at Three Rivers are, and have been, for nearly three years, to use the mildest possible language, not creditable to the town—about seventy-five children at the present time, most of them five and six years old, being schooled in an underground vestry, with nothing but settees to occupy, where it is impossible for them to touch their feet to the floor while sitting. This is not only inhuman to the scholars, but injurious to their health, and if they were cattle instead of children, the laws of the Commonwealth would have long since provided an ample remedy.

Shall we continue this state of things longer?

Why has it been allowed to continue this length of time? We hear it said by those who ought to know better, at each meeting when the question comes up for action, "Why don't you ask for what (we think) you need, instead of what you do ask for? The article is wrong; it don't suit us," &c., and all the active opposition seems to come from other parts of the town than those immediately interested. They seem to think, if you can judge by what they say, that the people of Three Rivers are not capable of knowing what they want, and that they should have no voice in the kind of accommodations they should have or where the school buildings should be located.

In the minds of at least a majority of your Committee, this is all wrong, and humanity and justice call for an immediate remedy. Let us for a moment consult the records, and see the class of articles which have been constantly voted down.

Nov. 13, 1879, the following article was in the Warrant:

To see if the town will vote to enlarge the school-house at Three Rivers, or to build anew, and authorize the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year and the year ensuing to pay for the same.

Again, March 15, 1880:

To see if the town will raise money for further school accommodations at Three Rivers, and appropriate the same.

June 8, 1880:

To see if the town will vote to move the school-house at Three Rivers to the lot near the Union church chapel and build an additional building on said lot.

March 21, 1881:

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to move the school-house at Three Rivers to the vacant lot at the east end of the common, and build a new house on same lot, and provide money for same.

Art. 21. To see if the town will build a four-room school-house on the easterly side of the river at Three Rivers, and appropriate the necessary sum of money for same.

Again, May 10, 1881:

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to build a school-house on the vacant lot at the east end of the common substantially like plans now in the hands of the school committee and provide money for the same.

Art. 3. To see if the town will dispose of the present school-house and exchange lots with the Otis Co., and authorize the treasurer to convey the same.

All of which have been rejected. This condition of facts plainly shows that a great injustice is being done to that section of the town, and your Committee would recommend that such action be taken at once as will provide sufficient school room in that village. We would also recommend the following appropriations for the coming year. For teachers, fuel, and care of houses, $10,000; for general repairs, $900; for contingent expenses, $900.

SILAS RUGGLES, } *School*
E. B. GATES, } *Committee.*

A minority of the Committee on Schools dissents from some of the statements of the above report, and would especially materially qualify the language used in regard to school accommodations at Three Rivers.

HOMER C. STRONG.

Report of the Building Committee.

A Building Committee was chosen at the last annual Town Meeting, consisting of the School Committee, the Selectmen, and the Treasurer of the town, to build an addition to, and remodel the school-house on School street. Of this Committee, Silas Ruggles, of the School Committee, declined to act. An appropriation of $2,500, which was supposed to be sufficient, was recommended by the School Committee and readily granted by the town. A plan and specifications were approved by the Building Committee, and proposals for building in accordance therewith were duly advertised. The lowest proposal was $3,036.60, and was presented by David A. Hoag. The Committee, taking into consideration the urgent necessity for further school accommodations, and that the price named was low for the amount of work required, unanimously decided that it was for the best interest of the town to go on with the work. A contract was accordingly made with Jennie A. Hoag to furnish necessary material and do necessary work, in accordance with the plan and specifications, for $3,036.60. A sub-committee, consisting of B. M. Fullerton, Homer C. Strong and Henry G. Loomis were chosen by the Building Committee to have a special oversight of the work.

The death of David A. Hoag, who had charge of the work, caused some delay, but the building was completed and accepted by the Committee October 1, 1881. The school-house has six large rooms, and each room is well lighted by windows so placed that all light enters the room in the rear of the scholars as they sit at their desks. There are convenient and a sufficient number of closets, ante-rooms and halls, and two entrances. A good basement extends under the entire building—two rooms of which are heated by a furnace, the remaining rooms by stoves. The low portions of the school-yard have been filled, and the whole yard has been carefully graded, and is divided by fences, so that the sexes are separated during recreation hours. The school-house, architecturally, is an ornament to the village, and will meet the demands of this part of the town for Grammar School accommodation for some time to come. There is sufficient room at present in the building for the High School, but it will probably be advisable before long for the town to build a new building for the special use of the High School.

HOMER C. STRONG,
Secretary of the Building Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TEACHERS, FUEL AND CARE OF HOUSES.

TEACHERS.

W. H. Whiting, High School,	$350.00
Charles A. Doubleday, High School,	290.00
Frank W. Whitney,	200.00
Lizzie A. Holden, Grammar School,	261.66
Anna P. Holden, First Intermediate,	261.66
Minnie S. Burleigh, Second Intermediate,	261.66
Lavinia M. Newell, First Primary,	100.00
Georgia S. Gilchrist, First Primary,	161.66
Albert Woodard, Grammar,	405.00
Ida Taft, First Intermediate,	300.00
Addie J. Burleigh, Second Intermediate,	200.00
M. Emma Murdock, First Primary,	300.00
Maggie A. Sullivan, Second Primary,	300.00
Nellie H. Searle, Second Primary,	100.00
F. W. Perry, Grammar,	450.00
S. A. Buxton, First Intermediate,	300.00
Belle H. Searle, Second Intermediate,	300.00
Mary A. Potter, First Primary,	300.00
Sarah Knox, Second Primary,	300.00
Frances Beauregard, assistant, Second Primary,	27.00
Frank H. Proctor, Grammar,	420.00
C. C. Ely, Intermediate,	300.00
M. A. McEwen, First Primary,	100.00
Nellie M. Cushing, First Primary,	100.00
Minnie C. Hoyt, First Primary,	100.00
Ella J. Smith, Second Primary,	75.00
Addie Hoyt, Second Primary,	225.00
Mary A. Snow, Blanchardville,	240.00
Carrie A. Weld, Center,	180.00
Hattie M. Blanchard, Center,	90.00
Ella A. Green, Whiting,	252.00
Ruth Cortis, Shaw,	84.00
Hellen L. Cobb, Shaw,	168.00
Annie Olney, Shorley,	252.00
Hattie L. Peebles, Mason,	245.00
	$7,999.64

FUEL.

D. B. Bishop, coal, Thorndike,	$40.11
C. F. Smith, wood, Whiting,	16.50
Eugene Shorley, wood, Shorley,	15.25
John M. Converse, wood, Palmer and Blanchardville,	16.00
William Nelson, cutting wood, Blanchardville,	3.00
J. F. Holbrook, coal, Palmer,	124.36
Horace C. Smith, wood, Center,	5.50
P. S. Trumble, wood, Center,	20.85
John Kinnevan, wood, Mason,	15.00
M. A. Stebbins, wood, Blanchardville,	4.00
Joseph Kerigan, wood, Whiting,	6.00
John Kinnevan, wood, Blanchardville,	10.00
J. F. Holbrook, coal,	27.74
D. E. and L. M. Tenney, wood, Three Rivers,	41.90
A. L. Haynes, coal, Three Rivers,	13.44
R. S. Bond, coal, Bonsdville,	63.48
Brien O'Rourke, wood, Mason,	5.25
J. F. Holbrook, coal,	189.98
	$618.36

CARE OF HOUSES.

Louis Trumble, Center,	$9.25
Julia Watkins, Whiting,	6.50
A. A. Woodard, Thorndike,	58.00
Isabel Wellman, Mason,	3.50
Jesse W. Trumble, Center,	5.00
Kate O'Rourke, Mason,	9.00
J. H. Tuthill, Palmer,	6.00
C. J. Tuthill, Palmer,	5.00
Patrick Mahoney, Shorley,	8.00
Michael Keliher, Thorndike,	21.50
Edward Ashworth, Blanchardville,	5.00
Minnie S. Burleigh, Union Hall,	6.00
M. C. Mowrey, Palmer,	30.00
Edward N. Lacey, Palmer,	17.50
Erastus E. Keith, Whiting,	6.50
S. Atwood, Three Rivers,	25.00
F. W. Perry, Three Rivers,	50.00
C. S. Ruggles, care of vestry, Three Rivers,	37.00

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F. H. Procter, Bondsville,	$62.00
Daniel Shea, labor,	3.00
Mary C. Finnerty, cleaning school-rooms, Palmer,	12.00
Marshall Andrews, labor,	17.95
Margaret Cooke, cleaning school-rooms, Palmer,	5.00
Susan P. Allen, cleaning school-room, Blanchardville,	3.00
	$401.70

GENERAL REPAIRS.

A. A. Woodward, Thorndike,	$14.80
M. C. Mowrey, Palmer,	4.59
A. B. Root,	2.50
F. F. Marcy, labor, Palmer,	6.02
E. C. Sexton, labor and material, painting, &c., Palmer,	20.54
Homer Foot & Co., bells and hardware, Palmer,	14.65
J. M. Alden, labor, Palmer,	12.93
C. W. Kibbie, repairing rods, Palmer,	17.00
J. P. Barnes, labor, Palmer,	10.00
F. F. Marcy, labor and material, Blanchardville,	15.00
" " " " Palmer,	163.03
Hiram Squires, setting trees, Palmer,	3.50
F. W. Perry, labor, Three Rivers,	18.00
G. W. Coleman, labor and material, Three Rivers,	10.00
A. Fisk, " " " "	18.69
King and Whiting, painting Bondsville school-house,	58.68
Robinson & Brooks, paints, &c.,	54.02
A. H. Tanner, teams, filling and grading school yard, Palmer,	38.75
Joseph Merriam, labor about school-house, Palmer,	30.75
P. S. Trumble, repairs, Center,	2.50
	$515.95

BUILDING AN ADDITION TO, AND REMODELLING THE SCHOOL-HOUSE AT PALMER.

Jennie A. Hoag, per contract,	$3,036.60
Jennie A. Hoag, extra work and materials,	31.58
Robinson & Brooks, hardware, &c., to J. L. Brainerd,	13.07
J. L. Brainerd, plastering and blackboards,	21.33
H. J. Powell, extra material and painting,	5.00
Oliver Lazelle, tearing down plastering,	15.25
Fosket & Holbrook, lime,	62.88
Novelty Mfg. Co., desks and seats,	99.90

George W. Hall, eaves-troughs, and conductors,	$61.03
J. W. Calkins, grading, pointing walls, building fence, &c.,	72.70
Robinson & Brooks, hardware,	30.02
George A. Griffin, labor and material,	29.55
Fosket & Holbrook, lime, &c.,	4.05
J. H. Haynes, furnace and pipes, materials and labor,	230.58
	$3,713.54

MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCIES.

Elsey & Co., school supplies,	$2.50
A. M. Bond, stove and school supplies,	21.90
Ruth R. Cortis,	.75
J. A. Palmer, services, Three Rivers,	3.00
Maggie A. Sullivan, cash paid out,	1.00
Loomis Bros., cane stool,	2.00
E. J. Wood, brackets, lamps, &c., for school-house,	3.10
O. P. Allen, school supplies,	40.04
J. H. Gamwell, water rent,	19.67
C. A. Brown & Co., school supplies, and labor,	37.79
E. S. Brooks, clock, 1880,	2.00
H. Lawrence, brooms,	1.82
Paid Town of Brimfield, tuition, C. Shaw,	5.86
O. P. Allen, balance due for Harper's geographies,	207.40
Rent of vestry, Three Rivers,	50.00
Russell Robbins, cleaning rooms, Three Rivers,	13.50
Holden Bros., school supplies,	9.12
S. Ruggles, cash paid out for schools,	15.00
" " " " blackboards,	11.25
" " " " printing blanks,	3.00
" " " " stationery, postage, &c.,	11.00
S. Ruggles, services Committee,	100.00
S. Atwood, services Truant Officer, Three Rivers,	5.00
C. H. Holden, " " " " "	10.00
G. A. Murdock, school supplies,	6.18
J. A Palmer, services, Truant Officer,	10.00
J. B. Shaw, school supplies,	3.71
H. P. Holden, school supplies,	7.64
H. R. Paine, watching Three Rivers school-house,	34.50
F. D. Orcutt, watching Three Rivers school-house,	43.50
Murdock Brothers, school supplies,	8.10
H. C. Strong, services Building Committee, superintending work at school-house, Palmer,	48.00
B. & A. R. R., freight bill on seats and desks,	2.60
M. W. French, rent of Union hall and Wales hall,	32.00
F. D. Barton, clocks, and repairing clocks, Palmer,	6.00
H. C. Strong, insurance, Palmer school-house,	45.00

A. H. Willis, building permit, insurance, Palmer school-house,	$12.00
G. L. Hitchcock & Co., school supplies,	15.70
George A. Smith & Co., " "	5.17
Blanchard & Wilson, printing cards for High School,	4.75
C. B. Fisk, printing,	5.25
S. H. Brown, labor with team,	16.15
H. C. Strong, services as School Committee,	100.00
" " cash paid for teams, stationery, stamps, &c.,	19.84
E. B. Gates, services as School Committee,	65.00
B. M. Fullerton, " " "	55.00
" " " building "	15.00
B. M. Fullerton, cash paid out,	4.70
	$1,132.49

STATEMENT OF SCHOOL FUNDS.

Appropriation for Teachers, Fuel and Care of Houses,	$9,500.00
General Repairs,	500.00
Contingent Expenses,	700.00
Remodelling School House at Palmer,	2,500.00
Salary School Committee,	300.00
Income Mass. School Fund,	261.46
Dog Fund,	205.33
Interest on Merrick Fund,	34.34
	$14,001.13

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

School Funds,		$14,001.13
Teachers' Salaries,	$7,999.64	
Fuel,	618.36	
Care of Houses,	401.70	
General Repairs,	515.95	
Miscellaneous Contingent,	1,132.49	
Building an Addition to and Remodelling the School-House at Palmer,	3,713.54	
		$14,381.68

The following sums are due the Town for tuition:

Monson, tuition of Davis, Barnes, Rourke and Ballou children,	$21.85
A. J. Northrop, tuition of W. G. Northrop,	7.66
F. H. Brown, tuition of son,	25.50
George Fisherdick, tuition of children,	12.00
Jerre Rourke, tuition of children,	6.00
	$73.01

Tabular Statement of Schools.

	TEACHERS.	Average Membership 1st Month.	2d Month.	3d Month.	4th Month.	5th Month.	6th Month.	7th Month.	8th Month.	9th Month.	10th Month	Average Membership for the Year.	Average Attendance	Enrolled No.
Palmer High,	W. H. Whiting, C. A. Doubleday, Frank W. Whitney,	32	34	31	34	32	34	29	37			31	29	36
Palmer Grammar,	Lizzie A. Holden,	30	32	29	45	45	49	47	49			41	35	39
First Intermediate,	Anna P. Holden,	42	38	37	42	39	38	37	36			39	35	49
Second Intermediate,	Minnie S. Burleigh,	31	31	30	39	42	37	36	38			35.5	32.5	40
First Primary,	L. M. Newell, Georgia S. Gilchrist	44	51	54	45	51	51	44	52			49	44	84
Thorndike Grammar,	Albert A. Woodard,	36	31	29	37	34	30	28	27	27		31	28	60
First Intermediate,	Ida Taft,	35	33	31	37	37	37	39	37	37		36	34	52
Second Intermediate,	Addie J. Burleigh,	34	34	33	33	33	31	30	33	33		33	30.5	44
First Primary,	M. Emma Murdock,	36	37	40	44	46	45	45	44	41		42	39.5	56
Second Primary,	Maggie A. Sullivan, Nellie H. Searle,	39	41	41	41	45	42	49	39	43		41	38.5	31
Three Rivers Grammar,	F. W. Perry,	23	25	22	33	30	30	30	33	30		28.5	24	51
First Intermediate,	S. A. Buxton,	32	35	33	28	30	28	30	33	33		31	26	50
Second Intermediate,	Belle H. Searle,	37	34	34	31	31	29	32	32	30		32	29	45

Tabular Statement of Schools (Continued.)

	TEACHERS.	Average Membership 1st Month.	2d Month.	3d Month.	4th Month.	5th Month.	6th Month.	7th Month.	8th Month.	9th Month.	10th Month	Average Membership for the Year.	Average Attendance	Enrolled No.
First Primary,	Mary A. Potter,	36	47	50	63	65	65	58	41	38		51	44	89
Second Primary,	Sarah E. Knox, Frances Beauregard	32	38	40	39	34	31	43	61	58		42	36	74
Bondsville Grammar,	Frank H. Proctor,	31	30	26	31	35	33	32	32	31		31	28	49
Bondsville Intermediate	Charlotte C. Ely,	34	36	36	29	29	29	33	33	32		32	30	42
First Primary,	M. A. McEwen, Nellie M. Cushing, Minnie C. Hoyt,	51	55	53	59	62	62	61	56	48		56	50	75
Second Primary,	Ella J. Smith, Addie Hoyt,	43	45	42	45	53	54	52	51	48		49	42	60
Blanchard Ungraded,	Mary A. Snow,	26	26	20	22	24	26	28	27			24	20.5	39
Center Ungraded,	Carrie A. Weld, Hattie M. Blanchard	27	32	32	28	30	27	34	33	29		25	26.5	46
Whiting Ungraded,	Ella A. Green,	17	17	17	18	19	19	20	21	21		19	16.5	21
Shaw Ungraded,	Ruth Cortis, Helen L. Cobb,	11	12	11	12	13	13	12	13	13		12.5	10.5	13
Shorley Ungraded,	Annie Olney,	14	14	14	15	15	15	14	14	12		14	12	16
Mason Ungraded,	Hattie L. Peebles,	11	12	11	10	9	10	10	8	8		10	9	16

No. of scholars in town between the ages of 5 and 15, May 1, 1881,	1,097
No. enrolled during the year in all the schools,	1,177
Average membership for the year,	835
Average attendance,	750

SILAS RUGGLES.
HOMER C. STRONG.
E. B. GATES.